



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

February 10, 2010

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Many thanks to Andy Lang, Jim Peterson and Dennis Phillips for representing Lincoln at this year's Trivia Bee. And congratulations to Lincoln parent Emily Ehl for helping to organize this year's event. WFEE raised \$20,000 at this year's bee! As we move towards Spring, Kate Scanlon and the School Council will focus on playground improvements. To lend your expertise and experience in the field of design, public spaces, or urban planning, please contact our principal. We look forward to updating you and discussing events for LSPA at this week's meeting, Thursday morning at 8:30 in the school library. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 11th

LSPA Meeting 8:30 am at Library

Friday, Feb. 12th

Lincoln Health Fair (students only)

Feb. 15-19

Winter Break: No School

Wednesday, March 3rd

Winter Concert

LINCOLN SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

On Friday, February 12, 2010, Lincoln will be having its first health fair. We are focusing on Ways to Promote Good Health through nutrition, exercise, wellness, relaxation, personal hygiene, physical activity, and pedestrian and internet safety. We will have about 12 stations, and each class will rotate to a station. The Health Fair is for students in grades K-5. Andrea Cogan is looking for volunteers to escort the students to and from each station, use the overhead page system to call down classes, or assist at a station. If you have an interest in helping or a connection with anyone in a health/exercise field, please contact Andrea Cogan at acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us

Also, a reminder to parents:

- *There will be no instrumentals next Friday Feb 12 due to the Health Fair.
- * Have students wear sneakers for health fair.

* If your child would like to purchase our "special healthy lunch" of spaghetti and chicken meatballs for Fri Feb 12th (pizza has been switched to Thursday 2/11 on the lunch menu), you need to purchase a lunch ticket for that day. Otherwise children may bring lunch from home.

LOST AND FOUND

Please make time this week to check our Lost and Found, located in the cafeteria. We routinely empty Lost and Found at the end of the final school day preceding a long break. **Elisabeth Nuboer-Ranjhan** will be removing items this Friday afternoon. Many thanks to Elisabeth for taking responsibility for cleaning, sorting (returning when labeled) and donating these items to Cradles to Crayons.

HOOP-A-THON

Save the Date: March 18th! Grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to participate in a basketball and hula-hoop *A-Thon* after school. Set to coincide with the beginning of March Madness, 5th grade will sponsor this fundraiser as part of their "Growing Up and Reaching Out" goals. As many of you are aware, our fifth grade students have been participating in service projects throughout the school year. The Hoop-A-Thon is their only fundraiser, and we encourage our families to support their efforts with their time and pledges. Over the next several weeks, students will select their charity and help to plan the event. Details will be sent home, published here in the Lincletter, and available on our website, lincolnspsa.org.

ATTENTION ALL 5th GRADERS AND 5th GRADE PARENTS

Once again, the fifth grade will be offering babysitting services during the parent/teacher conferences on March 10th, 11th and 12th from 11:30-3:00. This is a fundraising activity with proceeds going directly to help pay for the many exciting activities planned for the 5th graders. Sign-up sheets have been sent home with each 5th grader, and extra copies are available in their classrooms. Please return all forms to your

child's classroom by **Friday, February 26th**. Our Fall babysitting was a great success due to the tremendous volunteer support we had from many of the 5th graders and their parents. Hope to see you all again! Anita Colasante and Sheryl Stein.

WHILE WE ARE STILL IN 5th GRADE

Dear 5th grade parents: Please mark your calendars for the evening of February 24th at 7:00 at the Jenks center for a program for all 5th grade parents before your children transition to the McCall Middle School for the 2010 school year. This is the second annual 5th Grade Program sponsored by the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community in partnership with all 5th grade Committees throughout the town. The evening will consist of a panel of administrators, counselors and teachers that will be responding to audience questions and concerns with the changes our 5th graders are starting to experience and will continue to experience as they finish elementary school.

MATH AND SCIENCE MANIA

Calling all scientists in the Lincoln School Community! A Math and Science Mania program will be held Wednesday May 5 from 6-7:30pm at Lincoln School. The planning committee is looking for parent volunteers to help create and present science and technology stations for the event. In past years, display topics included "See the sounds" (computer displays of sound frequencies), "Explore the world of engineering," "Optics, the science of light," "The MIT Chemistry Department," and "Polymers." We are hoping to have stations representing the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. If you would like to help us create a display in the area of your expertise, please contact Caroline Shamu at caroline_shamu@hms.harvard.edu.

BRING IN YOUR BOX TOPS FOR THE NEXT COUNTING!

Can Ms. Barford's class hold onto 1st place? Another counting will be done soon, so please bring in your Box Tops! As of

December, we had earned a total of \$650 towards our \$1,500 goal. Thank you!



Lead Box Top collectors as of Jan. 2010:

1 st Place:	746--Barford	4th grade
2 nd Place:	651--Flaherty	1st grade
3 rd Place:	586--Haugh	5th grade
4 th Place:	579--Hollis-Pfeifer	3rd Grade
5 th Place:	489--Linehan	3rd grade
6 th Place:	426--Bowman	2nd Grade
7 th Place:	372--Hunt	Kindergarten

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALMOST SPRING WITH THE COOL SCIENCE CLUB:

Registration is now open for the almost-spring session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club -- an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science, technology and math. This four-week session is scheduled to include MANY fun and NEW science topics. Club Scientists lead explorations of individual topics for groups of 12 students and are assisted by Young Scientists (from grades 8-12). For Grades K+1+2: Outdoor Explorer, Discovery Science, Kitchen Chemistry, Explore Stars and Planets in STARLAB. For Grades 3+4+5+6: Build a Boat, Digging Mummy Science, LEGO Robotics. The Club will be held on Wednesdays (3/17/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7) from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at McCall Middle School. Slots for the Club will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and go quickly! Get your registration form TODAY from paulagiancola@comcast.net. The fee per Club participant is \$75. Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins (781-729-7157, Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us), Science Coordinator at the McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director.

WINCHESTER COOP THEATRE PRESENTS WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 19th-28th at McCall Middle School: Come share in the adventure of Charlie Bucket and four other lucky Golden Ticket holders as they tour the famed Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory. Winchester Coop Theatre's group of 4th, 5th and 6th graders bring to life the magical world inside this delicious factory with song and dance. Replete with chocolate rivers, delightful Oompa-Loompas and an original score, this energetic production is not to be missed! Friday, March 19th @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 20th @ 1:00 p.m., Sunday March 21st @ 1:00 p.m., Friday March 26th @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 27th @

1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Sunday March 28th @ 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each). Recommended for ages 3 and up.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

Claiming ALL Our History -- Mystic Valley Slave Trade Revealed: Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Griffin Museum of Photography. Portions of the documentary, *Traces of the Trade—A Story From the Deep North*, will be shown, followed by a panel discussion. *Traces of the Trade* tells the story of how descendants of the largest slave trading family in United States history examine their role in the slave trade as they travel along the route known as the Middle Passage. The panel includes Rev. David Pettee who is in the process of researching his own family's involvement in the slave trade; Dee Morris who has researched Medford's role in the Triangle Trade; and Rev. Drew Pearson of St. John's Baptist Church in Woburn. The audience conversation will be facilitated by Rev. Eric Dupee of Crawford Memorial Methodist Church and the Winchester Multicultural Network. This event is free and open to everyone.

SYBS 2010 SPRING REGISTRATION

Although it still feels like winter, baseball/softball season is not far away. Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15, as of April 30, 2010) and softball (K – 8th grade) for the 2010 spring season. Registrations must be completed by March 15, 2010, in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. SYBS has made a number of changes to the softball program that will enhance the experience for players and families. Spring Age Groups: Clinic (K-2: commissioners Susan Wiseman and Danielle Ladd)—held on Saturday afternoons from 2-3:30PM at Westside (Start date TBA), Junior (Grades 3-5: commissioner Mikie Ulwick)—teams assigned by elementary school (Times, Days, Location TBA). Visit the SYBS website (<http://www.sybs.org>) and click on "Registration." Players who register after March 15, 2010, will be assigned to a team on a space-available basis.

PARENT TO PARENT

"What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex: Parenting in an Over sexualized, Online, In-Your-Face World" Sharon Maxwell, PhD is a clinical psychologist with a private practice, author, speaker, consultant, and mom. Back by popular demand, Dr. Maxwell will speak to parents on Wednesday, March 10th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Winchester High School.

Her book will be on sale from BookEnds at the program. Our children are being barraged by sexual information and stimulation at an earlier and earlier age. As parents, we need to be proactive in giving our children the information and behavioral guidelines they need to successfully handle both media and peer pressure. Schools can do only so much to teach about basic facts and healthy habits. We need to begin a deeper conversation with our kids while our opinion is still more valuable than the influence of their peers. However, it is never too late to start. This program will present parents with practical and positive ways of beginning and sustaining a dialogue about sexuality that includes values, guidelines for behavior, and peer pressure. Parent to Parent would like to thank ENKA for its generous support in helping fund this program. For more information please visit www.parenttoparentwinchester.org

FREE ONLINE STUDENT HELP

Service Offered by Winchester Public Library: HelpNow!, powered by Brainfuse, is online tutoring offered through the Winchester Public Library. Log on to the library website databases, and students in grades 3-12 can receive live help in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. The online classroom uses Instant Messenger and a whiteboard to share the messages. HelpNow also has a Writing Lab! Send your paper to a tutor and receive a constructive response within 24 hours! There are no session limits, and the hours are Monday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Take advantage of this special service for homework help or specific skills building! Give it a try, fill out a brief survey form in the children's room at the Winchester Public Library, and you will be entered in a raffle for Book Ends gift certificates! Deadline: February 19th.

TASTE OF WINCHESTER

The 4th annual "Taste of Winchester", to benefit the Griffin Museum of Photography, will be held on Friday, March 26th, 2010, from 7 to 10 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography. This popular community event is a chance to sample delicious food and wine from favorite local restaurants and shops, enjoy live music and win fabulous door prizes. Tickets are \$60 and will be available at the end of February at Bookends and through the Griffin Museum at www.griffinmuseum.org (781)729-1158. The event sold out last year, so be sure to get your tickets early!

FANSPLASH UPDATES & WINTER FIESTA!

Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash! The Winchester Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13th from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borggaard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer, and a 50/50 raffle will be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table. You can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at info@fansplash.org for more information. Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at www.fansplash.org, or at Bookends. Please feel free to email WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee.

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